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TUESDAY MORNING, SEPT 21

(FROM SALISBURY, RHODESIA) --

(EARLY LEAD): RHODESIAN GOVT MAY WANT TO MODIFY THE LATEST PROPOSALS FOR SETTling THE COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE, AND MAY NOT GIVE AN OUTRIGHT ANSWER ACCEPTING OR REJECTING THEM, GOVT SOURCES SAID TODAY.

(LATER LEAD): THE RHODESIAN CABINET HAS REACHED A CONSENSUS ON PROPOSALS FOR ENDING THE COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM, PM IAN SMITH SAID TODAY AT THE END OF A TWO AND A HALF HOUR CABINET MEETING.

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HE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THE CABINET DECISION BUT GOVT

SOURCES LATER HINTED THAT MINISTERS FAVORED ACCEPTING THE SETTLEMENT PACKAGE PRESENTED TO MR SMITH BY SECSTATE HAK LAST WEEKEND.

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MR SMITH TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE HOPED DR KISSINGER WOULD BE PLEASED WITH THE CABINET DECISION.

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GOVT SOURCES SAID AFTER TODAY'S MEETING -- THE SECOND CABINET SESSION IN TWO DAYS -- THAT "SOME PROBLEMS" COULD BE EXPECTED AT TOMORROW'S CAUCUS MEETING, WHEN THAT GROUP'S 50 MEMBERS WILL DEBATE THE PEACE PLAN AND CABINET DECISION.

IT WAS BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT MOST OF THE CAUCUS WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE CABINET DECISION ONCE MR SMITH HAD OUTLINED THE REASONS FOR IT AND THE PROBLEMS FACING HIS GOVT.

THE GOVT SOURCES SAID THE CAUCUS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE TOLD THAT, ALTHOUGH RHODESIA COULD CONTINUE IN ITS PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL FORM FOR A YEAR OR TWO, THE FUTURE AFTER THAT WAS OBSCURE AND UNCERTAIN.

THE SOURCES ALSO HINTED AT SOUTH AFRICAN PRESSURE ON RHODESIA IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BY HAK AIMED AT PROMOTING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CRUCIAL DISPUTES HERE AND ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

ONE RHODESIAN SOURCE SAID SOUTH AFRICA APPEARED READY TO SACRIFICE RHODESIA AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE FROM THE US AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS.

FROM LUSAKA -----

RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO SAID TODAY THERE WERE "VERY SERIOUS FLAWS" IN HAK'S RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS.

HE DECLINED TO SPECIFY WHAT THESE WERE BUT SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED BY HIMSELF AND OTHER BLACK UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICAN LEADERS BEFORE EFFORTS TO REACH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ... PROCEEDED.

"WHAT IS DONE NEXT WILL HINGE ON WHAT IS DONE ABOUT THE FLAWS," MR NKOMO TOLD REUTER.

HE PLANS TO RETURN TO SALISBURY THIS WEEK TO BRIEF HIS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON SUNDAY ABOUT SECSTATE'S

PROPOSALS, HE SAID.

NKOMO DESCRIBED PARTS OF HAK'S PACKAGE AS AMBIGUOUS
AND SAID THEY COULD BE DISTORTED BY RHODESIAN PM SMITH.

HE CALLED FOR FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS TO MEET WITH HIM....
HEREWITH REUTER REPORT ON JIMMY CARTER INTERVIEW
WITH QUICK MAGAZINE (FRG):

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CARTER SUGGESTED IN AN
INTERVIEW RELEASED TODAY THAT U.S. SHOULD ENCOURAGE INDEPEN-
DENCE OF COUNTRIES IN SOVIET-LED WARSAW PACT.

HE ALSO TOLD WEST GERMAN MAGAZINE QUICK GRANTING OF U.S.
AMBASSADORSHIPS TO "FAT, BLOATED AND IGNORANT" ELECTION
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS WAS AN INSULT TO AMERICAN PEOPLE;
AND REPEATED PREVIOUS CRITICISMS OF WHAT HE SAID WAS
SECSTATE KISSINGER'S STYLE OF ONE-MAN DIPLOMACY.

CARTER SAID HE BELIEVED U.S. "MUST PAY MORE ATTENTION TO
CHINA AND TO EASTERN EUROPE. IT IS IN OUR INTEREST AND IN
INTEREST OF WORLD PEACE TO PROMOTE A MORE PLURALISTIC
COMMUNIST WORLD."

"WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT EASTERN EUROPE IS NOT AN AREA OF
STABILITY AND IT WILL NOT BECOME SUCH UNTIL EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REGAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND BECOME
PART OF A LARGER COOPERATIVE EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK", HE ADDED.

FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT LONG-
RANGE PROSPECTS FOR INDEPENDENCE OF ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

IN A REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY, A SUBJECT ON WHICH HE HAS
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BEEN COMPARATIVELY QUIET DURING CAMPAIGN, CARTER ALSO
SAID HE DEPLORED "RECENT INFLICTION UPON POLAND OF A CONSTI-
TUTION THAT RATIFIES ITS STATUS AS A SOVIET SATELLITE."

"AN ENDURING AMERICAN-SOVIET DETENTE CANNOT IGNORE LEGITI-
MATE ASPIRATIONS OF OTHER NATIONS," HE SAID.

MAGAZINE RELEASED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXT OF CARTER'S REPLIES
IN ADVANCE OF PUBLICATION HERE TOMORROW.

ON SUBJECT OF AMBASSADORSHIPS BEING AWARDED TO PEOPLE WHO
PAID LARGE SUMS OF MONEY IN CAMPAIGN DONATIONS, CARTER SAID
THAT IN PAST FEW YEARS HE HAD TRAVELLED AS AN OFFICIAL
VISITOR TO MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

"WHEN I GO INTO AN EMBASSY ABROAD AND SEE SITTING AS OUR AMBASSADOR, OUR REPRESENTATIVE THERE, A FAT, BLOATED, IGNORANT, RICH MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN WHO DOESN'T EVEN SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH HE SERVES...IT'S AN INSULT TO ME AND TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY," HE ADDED.

CARTER SAID SUCH ENVOYS WERE NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT U.S., ITS IDEALS OR ITS MOTIVATIONS.

HE TOLD MAGAZINE THAT DR. KISSINGER "HAS TIED SUCCESS OF DETENTE TOO CLOSELY TO HIS PERSONAL REPUTATION. HE IS TRUMPETING ACHIEVEMENTS ON PAPER WHILE FAILING TO INSIST ON THEM IN PRACTICE."

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAID HE WAS NOT AFRAID OF HARD BARGAINING WITH SOVIET UNION AND ADDED, "THE BENEFITS OF DETENTE MUST ACCRUE TO BOTH SIDES OR THEY ARE WORTHLESS. THEIR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE MUST BE APPARENT OR AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL NOT SUPPORT POLICY."

"TO SOVIET UNION, WITH OUR ACQUIESCENCE, DETENTE IS SURFACE TRANQUILITY IN EUROPE WITHIN BOUNDARIES REDEFINED TO THEIR BENEFIT, TOGETHER WITH SUPPORT FOR WARS OF LIBERATION ELSEWHERE. THIS IS NOT ROAD TO PEACE BUT BITTER DECEPTION OF AMERICAN PEOPLE." HE SAID.

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CARTER SAID U.S. SHOULD DO AWAY WITH "ONE-MAN DIPLOMACY. WE MUST ONCE AGAIN USE OUR ENTIRE FOREIGN POLICY APPARATUS TO REESTABLISH CONTINUING CONTACTS AT ALL LEVELS."

CARTER SAID AMERICA'S RELNS WITH CHINA "ARE IMPORTANT TO WORLD PEACE AND THEY DIRECTLY AFFECT WORLD BALANCE. U.S. HAS A GREAT STAKE IN A NATIONALLY DEPENDENT, SECURE AND FRIENDLY CHINA."

HOWEVER, HE SAID SOVIET UNION MIGHT EXPLOIT POST-MAO DOMESTIC POLITICAL TURMOIL IN CHINA "TO PROMOTE A SINO-SOVIET RECONCILIATION WHICH MIGHT BE INIMICAL TO INTERNATL STABILITY AND TO INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE."

CARTER SAID HE BELIEVED THAT SINCE EX-PRESIDENT NIXON OPENED UP DIRECT TOP-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND CHINA, THE TWO COUNTRIES' RELATIONSHIP HAVE "PROBABLY BECOME STALEMATED OR EVEN DETERIORATED TO SOME DEGREE."

CARTER ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID, WOULD IMPROVE CONSULTATIONS WITH ITS WESTERN ALLIES. "THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFER-

ENCE BETWEEN INFORMING GOVTS AFTER THE FACT AND ACTUALLY
INCLUDING THEM IN PROCESS OF JOINT POLICY MAKING."

"OUR POLICY MAKERS HAVE IN RECENT YEARS FAR TOO OFTEN
IGNORED THIS BASIC DIFFERENCE. WE MUST CONSULT WITH OTHERS
MORE ABOUT OUR PLANS. THE DAY OF NIXON SHOCKS AND
KISSINGER SURPRISES MUST END."

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